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FLORIDA ENERGY COMMISSION'S ADVISORY GROUP ON RENEWABLE ENERGY RESCHEDULED TO MEET IN ORLANDO

The Florida Energy Commission's (FEC) Advisory Group on Renewable Energy (AGRE) will hold its second meeting on May 31 at 10 a.m. in the Greater Orlando Airport Authority Board room, located on the 3rd floor of the Orlando International Airport at 9300 Airport Boulevard.

The meeting's purpose is to give Floridian citizens and businesses and a chance to talk about renewable energy and the best ways to integrate it into Florida's energy future with commissioners and advisory group members.

Presenters scheduled to attend include professional staff employees of the Florida Public Service Commission and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Other presenters include Jennifer Szaro, Renewable Energy project engineer for the Orlando Utilities Commission; Michael Dobson, Florida Renewable Energy Producers Association president; and representatives of several Florida investor-owned utilities.

Public comments are invited, and have a designated place on the agenda. The FEC is using a public-involvement process to arrive at its findings, which will be used in the Commission's first report to the Florida Legislature, due Dec. 31. This meeting offers Florida's people, businesses and energy community an opportunity to contribute to determining what Florida's most viable renewable energy resources are, and how they fit into a comprehensive energy policy.

“Assessing renewable energy sources and determining their viability in Florida is a major step in developing a state climate action plan and an overall energy plan,” said Tommy Boroughs, FEC chairman. “With the right plan, renewable energy could boost Florida’s economy by bringing the renewable energy industry, more jobs and increased revenue to the Sunshine State.”

About the Renewable Energy Advisory Group

The Advisory Group on Renewables is one of four subgroups the FEC created at its inaugural Feb. 9 meeting. Its charge is to investigate issues relating to renewable energy sources in Florida, and to develop a comprehensive state renewable energy plan through a public-involvement process, including transportation and land use; power generation; residential, commercial and industrial activities; waste management; agriculture and forestry; emissions-reporting systems, and public education.

About the Commission

The Florida Energy Commission is a nine-member panel jointly appointed by the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives. It is charged with recommending to the Florida Legislature the best ways to secure Florida’s energy future using the guiding principles of reliability, efficiency, affordability and diversity.

The Commission’s immediate focus is on renewable energy sources, climate change, conservation, efficiency and generation and transmission to address Florida’s long-term energy needs and goals. But a long-term goal is to take a look at all aspects of the many energy options available to Floridians.

By Dec. 31, the FEC will develop a report that will document its progress, and make the first set of annual recommendations designed to help guide the Florida Legislature in choosing the best practices and options for Florida’s energy future.

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